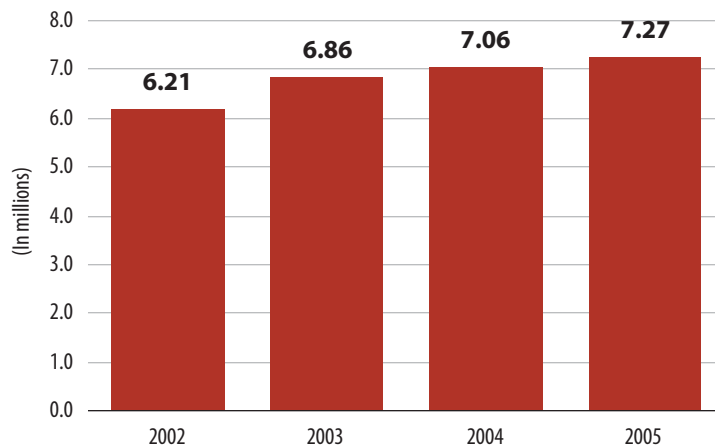


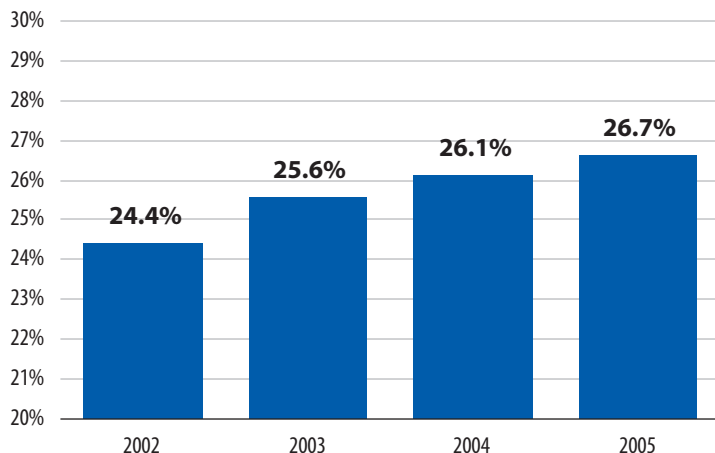


# California

## VOLUNTEERS IN CALIFORNIA



## CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERING RATE



## TRENDS AND HIGHLIGHTS

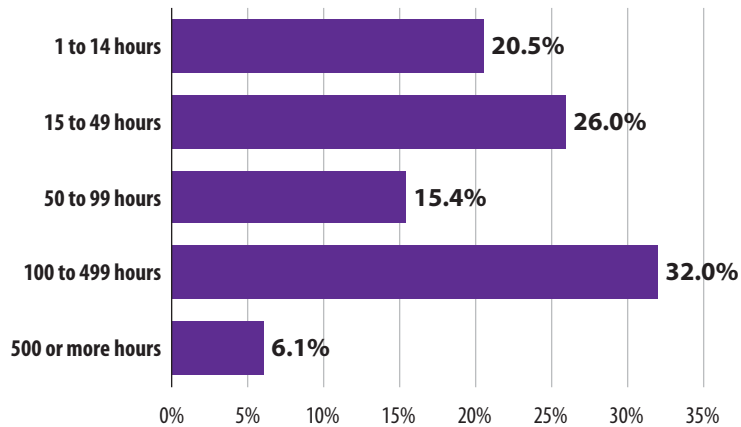
- California was one of only eight states in the nation in which the number of volunteers had increased each year since 2002. From 2002 to 2005, the number of persons volunteering increased from 6.21 million to 7.27 million.
- California was one of only five states in the nation in which the volunteering rate had increased each year since 2002. The proportion of persons volunteering increased by more than 2.3 percentage points over the 4-year period.
- The rate of volunteering for 2003 to 2005 in California (26.1%) was lower than the 3-year rate for the West overall (29.0%) and the nation (28.8%).
- Approximately 30% of Californians aged 35 to 44 years volunteered during 2003 to 2005. It was the age group with the highest volunteering rate.

For more information, including detailed state-level volunteering tables for 2002–2005, go to [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

## CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERING RATES AND ANNUAL HOURS PER TYPICAL VOLUNTEER, 2003–2005

BY GENDER			BY RACE/ETHNICITY			BY AGE		
	Hours	Rate		Hours	Rate		Hours	Rate
Male:	52	21.9%	White:	58	27.4%	16 to 24 years:	52	22.0%
Female:	58	30.2%	Non-White:	52	21.9%	25 to 34 years:	40	23.3%
BY MARITAL STATUS			Black:	80	24.2%	35 to 44 years:	52	30.3%
Married:	60	29.8%	Asian:	48	19.7%	45 to 54 years:	52	29.8%
Other:	52	22.1%	Other:	52	25.8%	55 to 64 years:	72	28.7%
STATE	56	26.1%	Hispanic:	48	16.9%	65 years and over:	104	21.5%

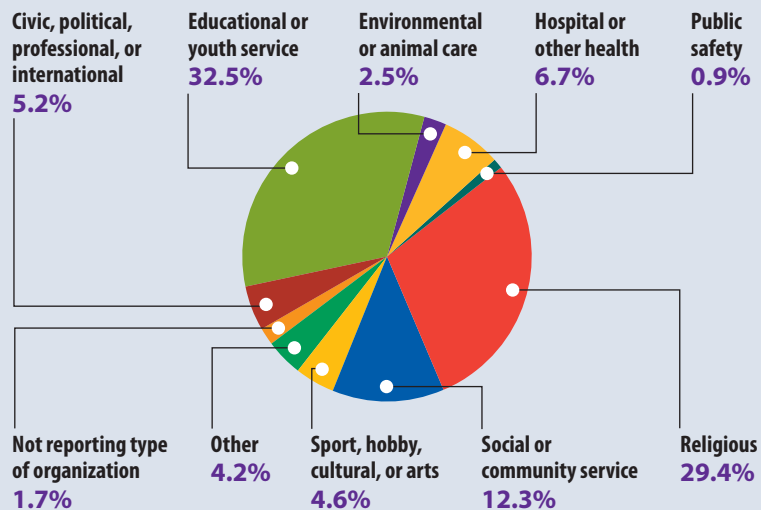
## HOW MUCH TIME DO PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA SPEND VOLUNTEERING?\*



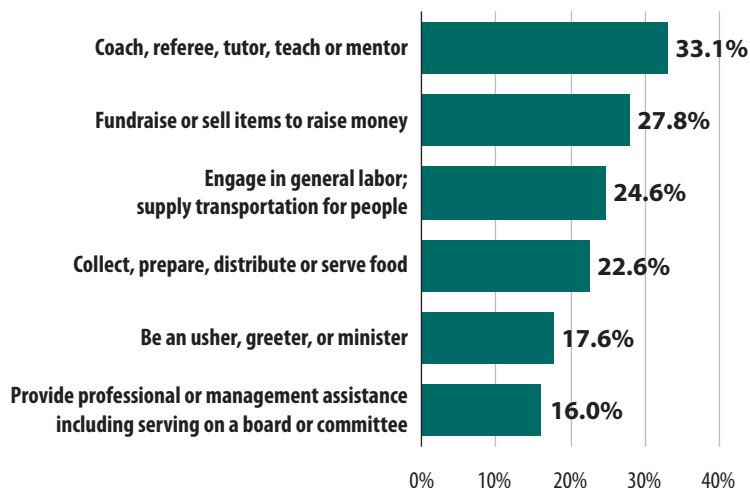
- From 2003 to 2005, volunteers in California spent a median of 56 hours annually on volunteer activities. This was equal to the annual median hours for the West (56 hours) and higher than the national median (51 hours).
- Approximately one-third of volunteers in California donated 100 to 499 hours annually.

## WHERE DO PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEER?\*

- The greatest percentage of volunteers in California served primarily through educational or youth service organizations (32.5%). Another two out of five persons volunteered through either religious organizations or social or community service organizations.
- More Californians volunteered through educational or youth service organizations (32.5%) than was true of states in the West as a whole (29.2%) as well as the nation (26.9%).



## WHAT ACTIVITIES DO CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS PERFORM?\*



- Approximately one-third of volunteers coached, refereed, tutored, taught, or mentored. This volunteer activity was also very popular in other states in the West.
- Fundraising or selling items to raise money was slightly more popular in California (27.8%) than in the West overall (26.7%).

\*Percents are based on 3 years of data, 2003–2005.